



Civic Arts Commission

INFORMATION CALENDAR  
December 12, 2023

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Civic Arts Commission  
 Submitted by: Dana Blecher, Chairperson, Civic Arts Commission  
 Subject: Civic Arts Commission FY24 Work Plan

INTRODUCTION

The Civic Arts Commission has updated its work plan, which outlines Commission objectives for Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) based upon goals articulated in the *City of Berkeley Arts & Culture Plan (2018 - 2027 Update)* and reflective of previously initiated projects that are already under way. This work plan includes a variety of objectives in three civic arts areas: Policy, Grants, and Public Art.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

At the regular meeting on July 19, 2023, the Civic Arts Commission unanimously approved a recommendation to approve the FY24 Civic Arts Commission Work Plan, which is used to guide the Commission's work throughout the year.

Action: M/S/C (Passmore/Anno) to approve the FY24 Civic Arts Commission Annual Work Plan with change to wording of second item listed under Public Art Subcommittee to: "Complete backlog of public art projects identified in previous fiscal years Attachment 1) and the Public Art Master Plan before initiating new public art projects for implementation by Civic Arts staff."

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ibarra, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — None. Public Comment: 0

BACKGROUND

See the Civic Arts Commission Annual Work Plan FY 24 (Attachment 1).

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

Through the Municipal Artist-in-Residence Program, artist Cheryl Derricotte is working with the Planning Department's Climate Equity Pilot Project to creatively support the project's community engagement and coalition building efforts. For the other FY24 Civic Arts Commission Work Plan projects and initiatives there are no environmental sustainability or climate impacts identified as a result of this plan.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

Based on Commission research and public hearings, new initiatives and recommendations to City Council may be submitted to City Council at such time deemed necessary.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

No fiscal impacts determined at this time.

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Attachment: 1: FY24 Civic Arts Commission Work Plan



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## **Civic Arts Commission FY24 Work Plan**

Approved by Civic Arts Commission: July 19, 2023

### **Policy Subcommittee**

1. Participate with staff and in consultation with the Housing Advisory Commission to advise on the development of a program and process for certifying Artists and Cultural Workers for eligibility for affordable artist housing culminating in a referral response to City Council and advocacy to fund a resulting affordable housing program.

### **Grants Subcommittee**

1. If funding is awarded to the City of Berkeley by the National Endowment for the Arts, participate with staff in development of a new Arts Program Grant which would provide grants to support art programs within non-arts nonprofit organizations in Berkeley.

### **Public Art Subcommittee**

1. Participate with staff in the development of a Public Art Master Plan for the City of Berkeley with input from the community and other stakeholders, which will provide a framework for developing new public art projects and funding for community-initiated public art projects.
2. Complete backlog of public art projects identified in previous fiscal years FYs 19-23 (Attachment 1) and the Public Art Master Plan before initiating new public art projects for implementation by Civic Arts staff.
3. Explore a possible amendment to the “Public Art in Private Development Ordinance” to facilitate the creation of permanently affordable venues for nonprofit arts organizations and affordable housing for artists and cultural workers within private development.
4. Participate with staff to update the Public Art Guidelines to reflect best practices and recommend corresponding updates to the Municipal Code where relevant.

**Attachment 1: List of Public Art Projects Included in Previous Fiscal Years (FY19 – FY23)  
Work Plans**

Active:

1. Mildred Howard sculpture at Adeline and MLK
2. Jean LaMarr sculptural seating and grinding rock at Ohlone Park
3. Turtle Island Monument
4. Peace Wall Conservation
5. Utility Box Mural Program (Assessment and Implementation of Recommendations)
6. Cube Space Exhibitions (Ongoing)
7. BART Plaza Sound Installation (Ongoing programming and equipment repair)
8. Municipal Artists in Residence (Ongoing)
9. Po Shu Wang Signage and Bell
10. Framed Art Purchases for City Buildings
11. Berkeley Art Works Projects
12. Homelessness Social Practice Project 1
13. Homelessness Social Practice Project 2
14. Homelessness Social Practice Project 3
15. Lara Kaur artwork at West Service Center
16. Re-installation of Romare Bearden artwork
17. John Wehrle mural conservation
18. Aquatic Park tile wall
19. Aquatic Park sculpture
20. Home sculpture de-installation

Not Started:

1. Santa Fe ROW
2. South Berkeley Senior Center
3. MLK Youth Service Center
4. Willard Clubhouse
5. African American Health Resource Center
6. Eric Powell Gates Assessment
7. City Flag, Song, and Motto
8. Telegraph Crosswalk Murals
9. Telegraph Avenue Public Art Project
10. Council Referral for Family Friendly Art
11. Hidden Gems in Berkeley Hills
12. Mural Commemorating Black Lives Matter Movement
13. Replacement Mural for Center for Independent Living
14. Harrison Street Corridor Project